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Request for Consultations under Article XXII:1 by Chile

The following communication, dated 4 March 1993, sent by the Permanent Mission of Chile in Geneva to the Permanent Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities, is circulated in accordance with paragraph C.4 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES' 1989 Decision on Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures (BISD 36S/62)

On instructions from my Government, I hereby request formal consultations under Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement concerning the special surveillance of imports of apples from third countries introduced by Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 384/93 of 19 February 1993, published in the Official Journal of the European Communities No. L-43/33 of 20 February 1993.

I wish to inform you that my Government is especially concerned at the possible future development of this import licensing system, in so far as it might lead to a possible application of quotas, as occurred in the past in 1988. That led to the establishment of a Panel which found such a system to be inconsistent with the General Agreement.

Without prejudice to the foregoing, my Government considers that the application of the measures established in Regulation 384/93 causes an obstruction to trade and hence impairs the concession granted on this product.

We request the holding of consultations with the utmost urgency given that the product in question is perishable and has a relatively short marketing year.